

MSA CULTURAL TOURS NEWSLETTER

POST DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME FALL 2015

Dear Fellow Travelers,

We recently returned from Italy after spending five days with Tony and Kathy Miraglia on their **ROME AND AMALFI COAST TOUR**. We left them in Naples going to Palermo to work on preparation for the 19th Annual MSA Congress at the University of Palermo next May. Tony and Kathy did a great job leading the AMALFI TOUR and the weather was beautiful. We look forward to working with Tony on the Greece tour next fall, and Kathy and Tony are planning a Sicily Tour in 2017, details will be forthcoming.

THE AZORES MAY 10–20, 2016 ANTONIO CABRAL
“The Azores, Yesterday and Today” **SOLD OUT**

MSA Tours often fill early so we encourage early registrations. Many people tell us they plan to go on a specific tour but procrastinate until the tour is full. For those of you intending to go on the Greece Tour we suggest you get your Registration and deposit in sooner, rather than later. We have already received a number of registrations and assume the limited number of available spaces will be gone months in advance. MSA Tours refund and cancellation policies can be found on the Registration Form.

GREECE OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 9, 2016

Tour starts with two nights in beautiful Nafplio, first capital of modern Greece. From Nafplio we visit Mycenae, 13th century BC city of Homer's Agamemnon and the acoustically astonishing and well-preserved 4th Century BC Classical theatre of Epidauros. We will also visit Olympia, site of the first Olympic games in 776 BC, Delphi, home of Antiquity's most famous oracle, and three days in Athens. For those interested in learning more about Ancient Greece, Ben and Tony Miraglia will offer a Second Half Course next spring, **THE ANCIENT GREEKS: GODS, POETS, ARTISTS, AND ATHLETES**.

ANCIENT GREECE: OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 9, 2016

October 30 - Depart Boston for Athens
October 31- Motor Coach Athens airport with visit to Corinth then to Nafplio Hotel Rex
November 1- Visit Mycenae And Epidauros with Lunch provided
November 2- Leave Nafplio for Olympia Hotel Europa - Dinner provided
November 3 -Visit Olympia Ancient Site and Museum - Dinner provided
November 4 - Leave Olympia to Delphi Palace Hotel crossing Gulf of Corinth
November 5 - Visit Archaeological Site and Delphi Museum
November 6 – Leave Delphi and proceed to Athens

November 7 - Optional Acropolis area Walking Tour – Dinner provided
November 8 - Free Day to Visit Acropolis Museum and Other Sites
November 9 - Return Flight Athens to Boston
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CUBA 2016?

As mentioned in the previous NEWSLETTER ‘hope springs eternal’ as we continue working to organize a Cuba tour. We have finally made a breakthrough, learning we will receive an official letter from the Cuban Government allowing me to visit Ciego de Avila University (all decisions for Cuban Universities are made in Havana). Louise and I hope to make a brief visit to Cuba in early 2016 to establish contacts and explore educational tour possibilities. There are complications like how to pay bills, there are no ATM’s in Cuba, and American Credit cards (Canadian Credit Cards are accepted) are not accepted. These are issues we hope to deal with during our visit.

2017 TOURS

As mentioned above we plan to organize in cooperation with Tony and Kathy a Sicily Tour and a French Canada Tour that would include Nova Scotia (the heart of Acadia), Halifax, beautiful Cape Breton Island, Prince Edward Island (birthplace of the Canadian Confederation) and ending in Quebec City. Details will be forthcoming in a future NEWSLETTERS.

Have a wonderful holiday season; we are with the snowbirds to Florida,

Louise and Ben